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WHEAT YIELD, COTTON PLANTING EXCEED PLANS

BREAK 20-YEAR RECORD IN WHEAT YIELDS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 27 May 50

Shanghai, 26 May -- Except for some sectors, most of the spring wheat harvest from more than 120 million mou [one mou equals 1/6 acre] in East China has shown bumper yields.

The output per mou in Fukien Province averaged 140 catties, breaking a 20-year record. Other reports include 130 catties per mou from more than 45 million mou of wheat fields in Shantung, and 110 catties per mou expected from the Chekiang wheat fields.

Thus far, 60 to 70 percent of the wheat harvesting has been completed on the 27,600,000 mou in North Kiangsu, 80 percent on 2,700,000 mou in North Anhwei, 70 percent on 1,500,000 mou in South Anhwei, and 60 percent on 12 million mou in South Kiangsu despite the blight of wheat rust.

52 MILLION MOU UNDER COTTON CULTIVATION -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 12 Jun 50

Peiping, 11 June (Hsin-hua) -- The Ministry of Agriculture of the Central People's government reports that the acreage of land placed under cotton cultivation in China during this spring has exceeded the original plan of 50 million mou by about 2,280,000 mou. A survey conducted by the ministry during the early part of this month showed that the Northeast had about 4,050,000 mou of land under cotton cultivation; North China, about 20,220,000 mou; East China, about 13,130,000 mou; Central and South China, about 11,080,000 mou; and the Northwest, about 3,800,000 mou.

Barring natural calamities, it is expected that the cotton harvest this year will exceed more than 13 million piculs, enough to supply the needs of the textile industry.

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PLANS PRODUCTION INCREASE IN PEI CHIANG AREA -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao,
27 May 50

The first agricultural and forestry conference of the Pei Chiang Special Administrative District in Kwangtung Province was held during 16 - 19 May 1950. The 1950 program was announced as follows:

Produce 500,000 piculs of foodstuff in the Pei Chiang area by increasing the output per mou to 12 catties. This can be done by repairing dikes in Ch'ing-yuan Hsien to increase the output in that hsien by 20 percent, and by beginning preparations for winter planting.

To fulfill this program, it is essential to train farmers in production activities; solve fertilizer problems; prevent flood, drought, and insect attacks; increase grain acreage; protect and increase farm animals, prevent forest fires; and intensify the afforestation program.

LIAOTUNG REPORTS INSECT PLAGUES -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 5 May 50

Liaotung -- Maggots, cutworms, mole crickets, snapping beetles, etc., are causing anxiety to the farmers of Chuang-ho, Hai-ch'eng, Feng-ch'eng, and other hsien in Liaotung Province. To combat these pests, every man, woman, and child of these areas is being mobilized.

Measures are also being taken by the provincial authorities to organize and educate the people to fight the insects. In addition, measures are being adopted to prevent the spread of the insects into other areas.

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